

Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, August 25, 2003 at 1:30 P.M.

(Approved 09-08-2003)

- Item No. 1 Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni
Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County
Commissioners Court was held at 1:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place with
the following members present to wit:

Louis H. Bruni	County Judge
Jerry Vasquez	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Felix Velasquez	Commissioner, Pct. 3

Running Late:
David Cortez Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon
the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 22 of August 2003.
Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing
Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court,
various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2 Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

- Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by all

- Item No. 4 Approval of minutes for July 25, 2003, July 28, 2003, August 6, 2003
and August 11, 2003.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that on page 3, August 11th minutes, Frances should be
changed to Francis.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to defer to next meeting. Judge Bruni seconded
the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Cortez not present.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to move up Item No. 11. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion along with moving up Item No 1 on 2nd Addendum.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Cortez not present.

Item No. 11 Discussion and possible action on modifying the existing operating agreement with Mr. Balt Ramos, Inc. effective October 1, 2003 and for the remaining years on the existing contract.

Cmr. Velasquez advised Court that Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, was in the process of working out the modifications with Mr. Ramos' attorney.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to defer item. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Cortez not present for voting.

Cmr. Cortez arrived.

Dr. Hector Farias came before the court to discuss Item No. 11 and state his opposition to the proposed modification.

Addendum 2

Item No. 1 Discussion and possible action on presentation by the Webb County Judiciary for additional funding for indigent defense, and any other matters thereto.

341st District Court Judge Elma Salinas Ender came before the Court to request additional funding for indigent defense. She stated that approximately \$155,000 would be needed to pay pending bills and to finish off the year. 49th District Court Judge Manuel Flores and 111th District Court Judge Raul Vasquez also came before the court to show their support for this item. Judge Flores stated that this allows indigent clients to have adequate counsel and a chance for release on bond without having to remain incarcerated for lack of legal representation. Judge Vasquez stated that the number of cases heard has doubled and at times, attorneys must be appointed for several parties in the same case. County Court at Law No. 2 Judge Jesus Garza stated that over 1,150 criminal misdemeanor cases have been heard each year and stated that this year's cases have already exceeded that number. Mr. Raul Casso, County Judge's Chief of Staff, stated that during a preliminary review, there are some payroll monies available to fund the additional \$155,000 being requested.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to amend FY 2003 budget for this item and budget additional \$200,000 to cover deficit. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to move up Item No. 2 on the 2nd Addendum. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum 2
Item No. 2

Discussion and possible action for authorization to proceed with demolition and clean up and/or repair of unsafe structure at L.I.F.E. Downs, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Commissioners Court Executive Administrator, advised Court that Webb County has been in communication with the insurance agency and has been advised to take care of hazards present at L.I.F.E. Downs. He stated that it would be approximately \$120,000 and would be done by Texas General Contractors (assigned by insurance company). He advised Court that some structures would need to be demolished. Mr. David Ender, Ms. Claudia William, Ms. Dee Dee Martinez, Mr. Rolando Garza and Mr. Oscar Martinez, Jr. were present to address the court on this item. Mr. Martinez advised Court that L.I.F.E. Downs was requesting an update on possible clean up due to upcoming festivities.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve \$120,000 for the clean up of L.I.F.E. Downs. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5 Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, presented to the Court the Treasurer's Report and side bills.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to accept report as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6 Communications

Cmr. Vasquez, Cmr. Gutierrez and Cmr. Velasquez had no communications.

Cmr. Cortez apologized for his tardiness and stated that he was meeting with the City of Laredo on a joint venture to construct a swimming pool and Little League park on Mines Road.

Item No. 7 Public Comment

Mr. Luis Ramirez from the Texas Department of Transportation (TX DoT) was present to address the Court in regards to Item No. 8.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 8. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 8 Discussion and possible action on presentation by TX DOT District Engineer Luis Ramirez and Carlos Villarreal on South Texas Regional Mobility Authority and Webb County Regional Mobility Authority Projects.

Mr. Luis Ramirez, TX DoT, made a presentation to the Court regarding the South Texas Regional Mobility Authority and a possible Port-to-Port project.

No action required on this item.

Item No. 9 Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$4,000 from account #001-0200-6022 (Professional Services to account #001-0200-6205 (Material and Supplies).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 10 Discussion and possible action to request assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for design work to provide platting, water and sewer service to Colonia La Presa

Cmr. Vasquez stated that item is to request authority to submit letter to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for assistance.

Judge Bruni stepped out.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Judge Bruni not present for voting.

Item No. 12 Discussion and possible action to request proposals for additional landscaping and greenery for the Webb County Courthouse with corresponding maintenance agreement.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Cortez stated that landscaping and greenery would be for the indoors of the County Courthouse and would not exceed \$4,000 and monies are available.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 13 Discussion and possible action to set date for evaluations of department heads under the supervision of the County Commissioners.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to set the evaluations for August 27, 2003 and August 28, 2003. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised Court that evaluations fell under the Open Meetings Act and required 72-hour notice.

Cmr. Vasquez withdrew motion. Cmr. Cortez withdrew second.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to set the evaluations for September 16, 2003 and September 17, 2003. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-1 with Cmr. Cortez voting against and Judge Bruni abstaining.

Addendum 1

Item No. 1 Discussion and possible action to adopt resolution in support of Senator Judith Zaffirini's fight to support minority voting and civil rights.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adopt resolution. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to move up Item No. 53. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 53 Discussion and possible action to award contracts for RFP 2003-14 for a Managed Care Health Plan, Managed Prescription Drug Plan and Group Life and AD&D Plan.

Ms. Kelly Kolodzey, representative from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health and Employee Benefit Pool, spoke with the court regarding employee benefits and recommendation of benefit plan offered through TAC. Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Commissioners Court Executive Administrator, advised Court that employee benefits would remain the same and with the same company if recommendation presented is approved with only change being that the retention would be \$150,000 versus the current \$100,000. He stated that to date only four persons have exceeded the \$100,000 retention limit. He stated that for the administrative services, TAC was the only proposal received. Cmr. Cortez inquired as to whether law enforcement personnel could qualify for higher insurance benefits due to their employment. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised Court that it could be discussed at the September meeting or today but that person who could answer those questions was not present at the meeting. He recommended any future changes be made as amendments to the contract.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to approve recommendation as submitted. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Cmr. Cortez voting against.

- Item No. 14 Discussion and possible action to approve additional funding from Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program, FY 2003, in the amount of \$50,708.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1848, (Driver/Custodian) at \$8.25 per hour, effective August 25, 2003. [Account # 920-4200-5001 Payroll – Community Service Block Grant]

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$500 from account #001-2502-6014 (Equipment Rental) to account #001-2502-6205 (Material & Supplies).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to enter into Mental Health Service Agreements for children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, beginning August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service Providers:

El Puente Counseling Center
Deer Oaks Mental Health Associates
Dr. Daniel Garza, M.D.
Guillermo E. Gonzalez, Jr., Ph. D.
Dr. Timothy Brown, Clinical Psychologist
Professional Counseling Center
Border Region MHMR Community Center, CAPS Program
Luis E. Flores M.A., L.P.C., LCDC, Dr. Karen Henderson, Psychologist
Denise L. Bradley, L.P.C.
Beatriz Rivero, M.A., L.P.C.
Ramirez Counseling Service
Lisa Cervantes, M.S., L.P.C. Intern (Removed as part of motion)

and authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements)

and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
[Requested by Head Start]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised Court that Ms. Lisa Cervantes, M.S., L.P.C. Intern, would need to be removed from item.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item with removal of Lisa Cervantes, M.S., L.P.C. Intern as recommended by Mr. Homero Ramirez. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

(Item No. 17 through 32 except for No. 26 were acted on together)

Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action to enter into a three year extended warranty (maintenance contract) with APC for two Uninterruptible Power Supply systems (UPS) at a cost not to exceed ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account # 001-0500-6402 Repair & Maintenance Equipment – requested by Management Information System Department]

Item No. 18 Discussion and possible action authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation, Grant Project 5311, for “Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Grant Application” requesting approximately \$370,000.00 for rural transportation funding for the El Aguila Rural Transit and any matters incident thereto. [Requested by the Community Action Agency Rural Transportation Department]

Item No. 19 Discussion and possible action authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation, Grant Project 5310, for “Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program Funding” requesting approximately \$40,000.00 to offset the cost of preventative maintenance for those vehicles used by the rural transportation program to transport elderly and disabled residents living in the rural area of Webb County to and from their residences and any matter incident thereto. [Requested by the Community Action Agency Rural Transportation Department]

Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Laredo Independent School District for eight school resource

officers (Sheriff Deputies) to be provided by the Webb County Sheriff at an annual cost of FOUR HUNDRED AND ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINE DOLLARS (\$411,529) beginning August 11, 2003 through July 31, 2004 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

- Item No. 21 Discussion and possible action to enter into Speech Therapy Service Agreements for Children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service Provider:

Terry Kimmel - 08/01/03 through 07/31/04

and authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]

- Item No. 22 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year subscriber agreement with Autophone of Laredo to provide Nextel Communication Services for fourteen Nextel phones. The cost of the fourteen (14) Nextel phones is ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,185) with a monthly communication air-time service fee for the fourteen phones of FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SIX CENTS (\$594.86) for a total cost of EIGHT THOUSAND THREE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY TWO CENTS (\$8,323.32), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account # 001-0109-6004-1 Telephone – Requested by Facilities Department]

- Item No. 23 Discussion and possible action to enter into a Service Agreement with Ana Maria Pena, Registered Dietician, for children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004), at reduced fees as set forth in the agreement, authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements), and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]

- Item No. 24 Discussion and possible action to enter into Dental Health Services Agreement for Children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service providers:
- Dr. E. H. Borchers – 8/01/03 through 07/31/04
Dr. Joseph H. Schneider – 08/01/03 through 07/31/04
- and authorizing the Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
- Item No. 25 Discussion and possible action to enter into Medical Health Services Agreements for Children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year, at reduced fees as set forth in the agreements, with the following Service Providers:
- Dr. Miguel Cavazos - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04
Dr. Armando Garza - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04
Dr. Gustavo Villarreal - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04
Dr. Robert A. Martinez - 09/01/03 through 08/31/04
- and authorizing an Exemption from section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County judge to execute all relevant documents.
- Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to enter into Non-Financial Cooperative Agreements for the Head Start Program with the following Agencies, Political Subdivisions, Corporations for a period of one year beginning August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents:
- Community Action Corporation of South Texas Project Ninos Childhood Intervention Program
Laredo Children's Museum
City of Laredo for the Laredo Public Library
American Heart Association
American Cancer Society
Gateway Community Health Center, Inc., for the "Lado a Lado" Program

City of Laredo for the Health Department Health Protective Services
Division and WIC Program
Laredo Independent School District
United Independent School District
[Requested by Head Start]

- Item No. 28 Discussion and possible action to enter into a non-financial professional service agreement with the South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, for parents and guardians of children enrolled in the Webb County Head Start Program for a period of one year (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004), at no cost to Webb County, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Head Start]
- Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year "Texas Vine Grant Contract" agreement (August 11, 2003 through August 31, 2004) with the State of Texas, Office of the Attorney General, to pay Webb County for costs to be incurred by Webb County's participation in Texas Vine Program, a statewide crime victim notification services, in an amount not to exceed FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY THREE DOLLARS (\$52,843.00), and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Webb County Sheriff]
- Item No. 30 Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year and two month service agreement (July 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004) with Appriss, Inc. to provide victim notification services ("Texas Vine" Program) at a cost not to exceed FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$52,843.00) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents.
[Requested by Webb County Sheriff]
- Item No. 31 Discussion and possible action to designate and appoint Deputy Sheriff Alberto Villarreal as "Project Coordinator" and Rafael Pena, from Management Information System Department, Webb County's "Information Technology Contact" person for the Texas VINE Program. These individuals will coordinate the implementation of the Texas Vine Program for Webb County. [Requested by Webb County Sheriff]

Item No. 32 Discussion and possible action to enter into an engineering contract with Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C. in the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$38,400.00) for the design of water and wastewater yard lines for residences in the Colonias Old Milwaukee and Tanquecitos I and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [State Grant #721175]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, No. 21, No. 22, No. 23, No. 24, No. 25, No. 27, No. 28, No. 29, No. 30, No. 31 and No. 32. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action on the approval of three (3) amended resolutions through the South Texas Development Council grant applications from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, on Violence Against Women's Act Program. These amended resolutions will result in a reduction of the County's required cash match.

Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action to add a seized vehicle (1998 Nissan Maxima VIN: JNICA 21D8WT504040) to the District Attorney's Office.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 36 Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Engineer and the Purchasing Agent to obtain the professional services required to prepare the specifications of a Five Section Traffic Light that will have a protected turning light for the intersection of Espejo Molina Road and Pena Drive.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to table item. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 35 Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Judge to enter into an agreement with TX DOT, execute an Affidavit and a "Project Information Sheet" for the reconstruction of San Lorenzo Creek Bridge

on Mines Road. Webb County has been designated by the Texas Transportation Commission as an Economically Disadvantaged County and qualifies for financial assistance to reconstruct bridges.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 37 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following line item transfers.

FROM:

801-3003-6007	Dues & Membership	\$100.00
801-3003-6014	Equipment Rental	300.00
801-3003-6401	Repair & Maintenance Bldg.	200.00
801-3003-6403	Repair & Maintenance Vehicle	200.00
801-3003-6407	Repair & Maintenance Shop	150.00
801-3004-6048	License & Permit	4,980.00
	TOTAL:	\$5,930.00

TO:

801-3004-6201	Utilities	\$5,930.00
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Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 38 Discussion and possible action on the approval to pay two invoices dated July 2001 to Sun Belt Air Conditioning in the amount of \$907.00.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 39 Discussion and possible action on the approval to create and fill a slot for a full-time National Reporting System Manager at \$31,000 per year effective September 5, 2003.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 40 Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from account #001-1130-6010 (Book and Subscriptions) to account #001-1130-6224 (Minor Apparatus & Tools).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 41 Discussion and possible action to issue "Certifications Regarding compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i);

1. Block 7, Lot 9, Pueblo Nuevo Subdivision, (Electricity-one dwelling only).

Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (c) (1);

1. Block 47, Lot 3, Bruni Subdivision, (Electricity – one dwelling only)

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 42 Discussion and possible action on the approval to transfer the following vehicles from the Webb County Residential Treatment Center to Nueces County and Uvalde County.

a) Unit #7, 1999 Ford Club Wagon 15-Passenger VIN:
1FBSS31L7WHA62815

b) Unit #10, 1999 Ford E-350 Econoline Van
VIN: 1FBSS31L5XHA57274

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that vehicles were from the CRT Center and the State of Texas had requested that those vehicles be transferred to those counties. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that though they are county property, they were purchased with state grant monies and the State would dictate where those vehicles would be sent.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 43 Discussion and possible action on the approval to authorize the ratification of office equipment and supplies purchased for Carlos Villarreal, Executive Administrator, from Executive Office Supplies and Lowe's Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$2,656.95. [Account # 696-8007-8801 Capital Outlay – Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 44 Discussion and possible action on the approval of the following line item transfers in the amount of \$1,616.00.

FROM:

#001-0600-6402	Repair & Maintenance Equipment	\$800.00
#001-0600-6011	Training & Education	816.00

TO:

#001-0600-6205	Material & Supplies	\$1,616.00
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Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 45 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one (1) Dell Power Edge 2600 Filer Server with accessories in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Planning Department. [Account #606-8001-7409 – Rural Addressing – 911 Program]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion with discussion.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, advised Court that system needed to include the 911 addressing system.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 46 Discussion and possible action to award/reject the annual contracts for Webb County for FY 2003-2004.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that the following were the recommendations for annual contracts:

2004-01	Fuel	Arguindegui Oil Co.
2004-02	Lubricants	Arguindegui Oil Co.
2004-04	Emulsions	Gulf Asphalt Co.
2004-05	Auto Parts	(1) J. R. Martinez Auto South (2) Gonzalez Auto Parts
2004-06	Vehicle Batteries	Laurel Battery
2004-07	Heavy Equip. Parts	RDO Equipment Co.
2004-08	Wheel Alignment & Balancing Serv.	J. R. Martinez Auto South
2004-10	Milk, Orange, Orange Juice	Hygeia Dairy
2004-11	Coffee	Sara Lee Coffee
2004-12	Sliced Bread	Earthgrain Baking Co.
2004-13	Spices & Related Items	Sara Lee Coffee & Tea
2004-14	Janitorial Supplies	Gulf Coast Paper Co.
2004-15	Oxygen, Acetylene & Welding Supp.	AOC Welding Supply
2004-16	Electrical Supplies	(1) 3G Electrical Supply, Inc. (2) Consolidated Elec. Dist.
2004-17	Maint. & Serv. of Fire Extinguishers	Allstate Fire Extinguishers
2004-18	Pest Control Services	Asash Pest Control
2004-20	Car Wash Service	Royal Treat Car Wash
2004-21	Tires and Tubes	(1) J. R. Martinez Auto South (2) A to Z Tires & Batteries
2004-22	Light bulbs & Lamps	Consolidated Electrical Dist.
2004-24	Auto & Truck Parts With Service (A/C only)	(1) J. R. Martinez Auto South (2) Andy's Auto Air & Supply
2004-25	Automotive Glass Replacement	Truckers Discount Supplies
2004-27	Liquid Soil Stabilizer	J & B Industries
2004-28	Liquid Soil Stabilizer, Bulk Deliveries	B & L Consulting
2004-29	State Safety Inspection	Aldape Auto Sales & Service

Judge Bruni motioned to reject bids 2004-01 and 2004-02. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion failed 2-3 with Cmr. Vasquez, Cmr. Gutierrez and Cmr. Cortez voting against.

Judge Bruni advised Mr. Eloy Ramirez to test diesel fuel for contaminants.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, advised Court that no bids were received for the following and that they would be re-advertised:

2004-03 Flexible Base
2004-09 Replace Mufflers
2004-23 Creosoted timber
2004-26 Plumbing Supplies

Mr. Ramirez advised Court that lowest bidder is chosen according to tabulations made. He stated that though there is a contract for flexible base with Mr. Botello, there is a need for several contracts for several areas of Webb County.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept recommendations as presented. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Bruni voting against.

Item No. 47 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for Auctioneering Services and Refuse Collection Services.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 48 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one (1) Personal Computer for Constable Pct. 2, Ruben Reyes in the amount of \$1,865.73 from IBM. [Account # 696-8007-8801 Capital Outlay – Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Velasquez requested a balance report for each purchase made from Capital Outlay. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that he would attach report to further items regarding Capital Outlay purchases.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 49 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one (1) Projector and One (1) rolling case for desktop in the amount of \$3,809.18 from Southern Computers for the Auditor's Office. [Account # 696-8007-8801 Capital Outlay – Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 50 Discussion and possible action to reject bid proposal # 2003-41: Park Improvements for Oilton and Mirando Community Parks and authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit bids. [Account #678-8103-8710-2 – Park Development Precinct 2]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 51 Status Report on the insurance related items caused by June 2, 2003 storm.

Item was covered by Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Commissioners Court Executive Administrator, earlier in the meeting. Judge Bruni advised Mr. Ramirez that he wanted a weekly report on the diesel contents such as water, sulfur, etc. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that he would advise providers.

- Item No. 52 Discussion and possible action on the approval of a line item transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from account # 817-0105-5001(Payroll) to account #817-0105-5003 (Overtime – Webb County's Workers Compensation Fund).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Ms. Juanita Puente, Risk Manager, stated that this was necessary due to the amount of overtime being worked due to additional workload and one less employee.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised Court that in regard to Item No. 55, specifics could not be discussed or contemplated and could only go into Executive Session for consultation with attorney and personnel matters only of Ms. Diaz requested that they be discussed in Executive Session. He was told by Ms. Diaz that she wanted personnel matters discussed in Open Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (4:15 p.m. to 4:49 p.m.)

Judge Bruni reconvened meeting and stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

- Item No. 54 Discussion and possible action to approve a thirty day extension to the earnest money contract between Webb County and the Texas Mexican Railway Company for purchase of Lots 1,2,3,4 and the South ½ of the lots 5 and 6, Blk 197, W. D., City of Laredo, (Tex-Mex property). [Closed Session requested pursuant to Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Sec. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended approval of extension of earnest money contract.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept recommendation. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 55 Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of the Webb County Employees Grievance Committee regarding grievance of Joanne Diaz against the Road & Bridge Department. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matter)]

Ms. Diaz had no comments.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to reject Grievance Committee recommendation and uphold the Road & Bridge Superintendent's decision to terminate. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-2 with Cmr. Vasquez and Cmr. Gutierrez voting against.

Item No. 56 Discussion and possible action to temporarily suspend and/or terminate contracts for Fifth International Bridge consultants, and to authorize additional work as deemed necessary. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)] [Sponsored by Commissioner David R. Cortez, Pct. 4 and Commissioner Felix Velasquez, Pct. 3]

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Commissioners Court Executive Administrator, recommended that court bring contract for Mr. Steve Gibson and terminate contracts for remaining consultants with possibility of them consulting on hourly basis.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to accept recommendation. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Villarreal requested that the court allow contracting Mr. Black and Mr. Francis on an hourly basis as needed.

Cmr. Velasquez amended motion to reflect above. Cmr. Gutierrez amended second.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 57 Adjournment

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.